REMARKS

Applicant has carefully studied the outstanding Official Action. The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

The disclosure is objected to because of informalities. Applicant has amended the disclosure to overcome the objections.

Claims 58-64 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 60, 61 and 64 have been amended to clearly define the invention.

Claims 58, 59 and 63 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(a) as being anticipated by Tong. Claims 58, 59 and 63 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 60-62 and 64 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tong in view of Sato.

Applicant has amended claim 60 and 64 to recite "individual past interactions". Support for the amendments to claims 60 and 64 can be found in the specification on page 24, line 12-page 27, line 2, inter alia.

Tong describes an interactive computer controlled doll. Sato describes a home video game system.

The Examiner, in rejecting claims 60-62 and 64, wrote "It is noted that the teaching of Tong does not specifically disclose the log information (as per claims 60 and 64) as required. However, the teaching of Sato broadly discloses that such feature of logging information of the past interactions between the user and the toy and utilizing the information relating to past interactions to subsequently control at least one of the toys is old and well known." Applicant respectfully submits that Sato describes storing information relating to a user's score in a game and not to individual past interactions with a toy, as recited in amended claims 60 and 64. Applicant further submits that Sato does not show a device including "at least one toy ... and a content controller operative ... to utilize said information ... to subsequently control at least one of the toys" as recited in amended claims 60 and 64. Rather, Sato describes a device which displays an

image of a toy, wherein a user controls a visual image of the toy.

Applicant therefore respectfully submits that the combination of Tong and Sato does not produce the present invention. Since the teaching of Sato relates not to a toy but to an image of a toy, there is no suggestion to combine the teaching of Sato which relates to a video image to the teaching of Tong which relates to a physical toy. Applicant further submits that even if there were a suggestion to combine Tong and Sato, the combination would not produce the present invention since the combination does not teach "log information ... relating to individual past interactions ... and utilizing said information ... to subsequently control at least one of the toys", as recited in amended claims 60 and 64.

None of the prior art, either alone or in combination, shows or suggests "a system including at least one toys and a content controller operative to log information ... relating to individual past interactions between each user and toy, and to utilize said information relating to individual past interactions, to subsequently control at least one of the toys" as recited in amended claim 60.

None of the prior art, either alone or in combination, shows or suggests "a method including providing at least one toys and logging information ... relating to individual past interactions between each user and toy, and utilizing said information relating to individual past interactions, to subsequently control at least one of the toys" as recited in amended claim 64.

With reference to the above discussion, independent claims 60 and 64 are deemed patentable over the prior art of record and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested. Claims 61 and 62 depend from claim 60 and recite additional patentable subject matter and therefore are deemed patentable.

Applicant has carefully studied the remaining prior art of record herein and concludes that the invention as described and claimed in the present application is neither shown in nor suggested by the cited art.

In view of the foregoing remarks, all of the claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

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